

Dear Committee Members;

I am unable to attend the March 11, 2015 public hearing on bills 650, 6848 and 6962 as I have obligations that cannot be changed. Please accept this written testimony for the record.

I respectfully ask that you oppose all three bills I believe they are flawed and further erode the rights of all citizens.

Bills 650 & 6848, while well-meaning they are open to abuse and will assuredly lead to people that are completely in the right being accused of actions and as a result losing their rights and property without the constitutionally guaranteed right to due process.

Bill 6962 should also be opposed. I agree completely that all firearms should be stored safely, however I think this bill is too broad and will expose people to unnecessary legal problems. It is everyone's right to bear and keep arms in the manner which they choose within their home. Frankly, in my opinion this is not any of the governments business. We as citizens need to go back to relying on peoples obligation to take responsibility for their actions and not try to write a new law each time someone does not. There are plenty of laws already on the books to deal with those irresponsible individuals.

Anyone can be accused of any crime without evidence, and to have a bill that would allow an accusation of a crime remove an individual's property and infringe on their rights without due process to even be contemplated in the State of Connecticut is unbelievable. Please oppose these bills and protect my rights.

I urge you to vote no on these bills.

Thank you

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